

WOODLAND EDUCATION TRAINING WORKSHOPS

PRACTICAL WOODLAND WORK AND WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE WOODLAND ENVIRONMENT

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My intention in offering these one day long workshops is to provide training in the practical aspects of working with young people in the woodland environment. They are aimed at anyone who would like to work in this environment with young people, but feel that they either don't have the necessary practical skills or confidence to do so.

Participants could include potential forest school leaders, seeking to gain a higher level of skill or better understanding of the skills involved or for educators such as teachers, youth workers or countryside rangers wanting to learn these skills but who do not have the time or budget to attend a full forest school training programme and for whom the theory aspects are less relevant. They do I feel represent a more cost effective alternative to some existing training schemes.

The series of workshops when put together is designed to have a natural progression in terms of learning and skill acquisition, however each workshop is also designed to be a 'stand alone' entity, thus enabling more experienced practitioners to attend the ones most relevant to themselves. As each series of workshops will be run on a regular basis throughout the spring, summer and autumn and from venues on both the east and west Cairngorms National Park, it is easily possible to spread your participation over a period of time and gradually build up your skills.

The emphasis is very much on fun, safety and the responsible and sustainable use of the woodland environment as an outdoor classroom. Topics covered include basic Woodland Awareness; Risk Assessing Woodlands For Use with Young People; Making Your Outdoor Classroom; Use of Woodland Hand Tools; Woodland crafts; Safe Fire Lighting; Outdoor Cooking and Shelter Building. **For full details of workshops please email me or visit my website www.wildernessexperiences.co.uk**

Whilst these workshops are not formal qualifications, they will count towards **CPD training as I am registered with Learning and Teaching Scotland as a CPD training provider**. All participants will be given an attendance certificate at the end of each workshop.

The cost per person is £50 per day (min 6 people) including refreshments (bring own packed lunch).

Courses on these dates are partly sponsored by the Cairngorms National Park, hence the locations. You may qualify for a CNPA subsidy for your place on a course. Please enquire.

All of the workshops are entirely outdoors based, please dress suitably in warm cloths and with full waterproofs (jacket and trousers), wellies or walking boots, hat and gloves.

I can be contacted by email on info@wildernessexperiences.co.uk by telephone on 01540 661295 or Mobile 07769 703743. Booking forms can be downloaded from my main website www.wildernessexperiences.co.uk

Venues: Kingussie (West Cairngorms NP), Ballater (East Cairngorms NP). Full joining details will be sent on booking.

Bookings: Direct to me no later than 3 weeks before start of course

Payment: Invoices will be issued on booking. Payment by cheque or direct bank transfer. Individuals; payment on booking, **LEA or other organizations payment strictly 14 days from invoice date.**

Dates Kingussie:-

Woodland Awareness; March 2nd, May 11th, Sept 1st, Nov 9th

Risk Assessing Woodlands for use with young people; March 3rd, May 12th, Sept 2nd, Nov 10th.

Setting up your outdoor classroom; March 4th, May 13th, Sept 3rd, Nov 11th

Safe use of woodland hand tools; March 5th, May 14th, Sept 4th, Nov 12th.

Woodland crafts for young people; March 6th, May 15th, Sept 7th, Nov 13th

Safe Shelter Building; March 9th, May 18th, Sept 8th, Nov 16th

Safe and responsible Fire Lighting For Young People; March 10th, May 19th, Sept 9th, Nov 17th

Outdoor Cooking For Young People; March 11th, May 20th, Sept 10th, Nov 18th.

Dates Ballater:-

Woodland Awareness; April 20th, June 1st, Oct 26th, Nov 30th

Risk Assessing Woodlands for use with Young People; April 21st, June 2nd, Oct 27th, Dec 1st.

Setting Up Your Outdoor Classroom; April 22nd, June 3rd, Oct, 28th, Dec 2nd.

Safe Use Of Woodland Hand Tools; April 23rd, June 4th, Oct 29th, Dec 3rd.

Woodland Crafts for Young People; April 24th, June 5th, Oct 30th, Dec 4th.

Safe Shelter Building; April 27th, June 8th, Nov 2nd, Dec 7th.

Safe and Responsible Fire Lighting For Young People; April 28th, June 9th, Nov 3rd, Dec 8th.

Outdoor Cooking For Young People; April 29th, June 10th, Nov 4th, Dec 9th

Other dates may become available, alternatively if you are an organisation and have a group of 6 or more people then I can run a bespoke course for you at mutually convenient dates